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2. MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR DINITZ TO THE SECRETARY

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
PRESIDENT FORD. IT IS IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION TO DINITZ
ON WHETHER THE EARLIER MESSAGE FROM ALLON TO YOU SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT.
AS YOU WILL SEE, THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN CHANGED SOMEWHAT.

2. BEGIN TEXT THE PRIME MINISTER IS AWARE AND SHARES THE
CONCERN OF THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE DAMAGE THAT MAY
BEFALL THE COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND
EGYPT SHOULD CLASSIFIED DETAILS BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.
I WISH THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW THAT I AM MAKING EVERY EFFORT
TO PREVENT LEAKS ON MATTERS OF THIS KIND. I MUST STATE,
HOWEVER, THAT THE PROVOCATIVE ACTS AND PRONOUNCEMENTS ON
THE PART OF EGYPTIAN LEADERS CONFRONT US WITH THE MOST
SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WHICH, FOR ALL OUR RESTRAINT, CANNOT
BE SIMPLY DISREGARDED. AS A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY WE HAVE TO

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GIVE ANSWERS TO OUR CABINET, TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND

THE DEFENSE COMMITTEES OF THE KNESSET, AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. YET THE RECORD SHOWS THAT IN ALL THE STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF AUTHORIZED SPOKESMEN WE HAVE

ALWAYS DELIBERATELY AVOIDED REVEALING ANY MATTER WHICH MUST REMAIN CLASSIFIED FOR THE SAKE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT, THEREFORE, AND IN ALL GOOD CONSCIENCE, THAT I REJECT THE ASPERSION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS SEEKING TO SABOTAGE THE NEGOTIATING EFFORT.

I KNOW HOW INTENSE AND SINCERE IS THE DESIRE OF PRESIDENT FORD THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS. PRECISELY FOR THAT REASON, IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT UNAUTHORIZED PUBLISHED STATEMENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO THWART THE CONDUCT OF A BALANCED AND COORDINATED POLICY BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.

I WISH TO REITERATE THAT FOR OUR PART WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY TO BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. IT IS THUS MY TRUST AND HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE IN ITS POLICY AND ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. AND MAY I SAY FINALLY, AXIOMATIC AS IT SOUNDS, THAT ISRAEL SINCERELY DESIRES THE UNINTERRUPTED CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN US. END TEXT

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF DINITZ' REPLY TO YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE(SECTO 8072). DINITZ TELLS ME THAT IT HAS THE APPROVAL OF BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. BEGIN TEXT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE AUSTRIANS ON THIS SUBJECT AND OBVIOUSLY NOTHING WAS SAID TO THEM ON THIS MATTER. THE WHOLE ALLEGATION IS THEREFORE BASELESS AND APPEARS STRANGE TO US.

OUR TOP PRIORITY IS TO REACH AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE READY
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TO CONTINUE A SHUTTLE IN AUGUST, WE WILL GIVE THIS PRECEDENCE OVER ANYTHING ELSE.

WITH REGARD TO THE BRIEFING THAT WE GAVE TO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, THE ANSWER WAS GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR TOON. IN ANY EVENT, I AM AUTHORIZED TO REEMPHASIZE CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE WAS NO DEMARCHE OR ANYTHING SIMILAR TO A DEMARCHE. THERE

WAS A ROUTINE ORAL BRIEFING TO A NUMBER OFFOREIGN OFFICES
OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES (BY THE WAY WITH THE FULL ASSUMPTION
THAT IT WOULD BECOME KNOWN TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS).
THOSE BRIEFINGS DID NOT CONTAIN, IN FACT, ANYTHING WHICH
WAS NOT WIDELY SHARED AND KNOWN BEFORE. WE DID NOT STATE

THAT WE HAD U.S. SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITIONS.

WE ARE CONCERNED WITH REGARD TO THE PARAGRAPH OF THE
PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY WHICH MENTIONS THE
CIRCULAR MEMO (LSE NOTE: PARAGRAPH 5 OF SECTO 8072).
WHILE WE HAVE NOT REVEALED THIS TO ANYONE, WE HAD GROUNDS
TO BELIEVE THAT WE DID HAVE AT LEAST A DEGREE OF U.S.
SUPPORT FOR OUR PROPOSALS WHICH, AFTER ALL, WERE WORKED
OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. AND TRANSMITTED TO THE
EGYPTIANS WITH, AS WAS STATED TO US, THE SECRETARY'S
RECOMMENDATIONS. END TEXT INGERSOLL

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